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NEW MEDICAL PLANTS BEING BUILT -- Rad, No 304, 22 Dec 49

With the building of new enterprises and the enlarging of old ones, the drug and medical instrument industry has expanded 27 times over its prever status. Small drug and medical instrument shops have grown into large factories.

In 1945, for example, the "Prolek" Factory, while building a new plent, mastered the process of manufacturing insulin. From year to year the production of "Ampulin," "Persin," heparon, cholesterin, and diphtheria and tetanus vaccines has increased.

In addition to the "Prolek" plant, five other plants are being built. The domestic products of the "Pliva," "Lek," and "Pionir" Factories can be compared with the best preparations in the world.

The "Calenika" Factory produces 35 different dental preparations. In the beginning of 1949, the penicillin factory was installed. It was tested on 25 May 1949, and should produce medicinal penicillin within a few months.

Import of medicine has decreased 60 percent in 1949 as compared to 1939.

The "Sutjeska" Factory, which is producing medical instruments, while simultaneously installing new machinery and equipment, is one of the largest of the medical factories in Yugoslavia. In 1969, in addition to many other instruments the factory produced equipment for ansesthesia, sterilizers, thermostate, and operating tables.

After the liberation, the "Jugodent" Factory in Novi Sad achieved the Production of such dental equipment as dental chairs, dental drills, sterilizers, and instruments for making false teeth.

RUBBER PRODUCTION INCREASES -- Rad, No 238, 3 Dec 49

One of the first rubber factories to complete its one-year plat was the Sava factory in Kranj, Slovenia. The rubber factories produce rubber hoses, stoppers, rubber plates, diaphragms, truck tires, rubber drive belts, technical rubber

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equipment for the sugar and cement industries, medical rubber products, footwear, protective clothing, gloves, assembly-line belts, belts for the tobacco industry, etc. The production of hard-rubber articles is also progressing.

The Institute for Industrial Research has perfected the production of pulverized lead necessary for the rubber parts of X-ray instruments. The Scientific Research Institute in Ljubljana was successful in its experiments with vulcanizing rubber. Experiments have been conducted with the production of rubber thread.

The 1948, the plan for the production of inner tubes increased by 50 percent.

Two types of rubber drive belts are being produced in Yugoslavia, flat belts and cog belts. The cog belt is more efficient, since it requires less space and is more durable. The Sava factory at Kranj, Slovenia, has improved the quality of its cog belts.

The research workers of the Ecrovo Institute are experimenting with substitute softeners of rubber, composed of a petroleum and a domestic coal base.

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